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TO: WASHFG
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1. AN ARMY CAPTAIN CAME GUATEMALA CITY 24 JAN FROM JUTIAPA AND
STATED CASTILLO ARMAS SUCCEEDED IN DELAYING REVOLT, ONE OF HIS REASONS
BEING FEW MORE DAYS WOULD MAKE FALL OF ZACAPA EASIER; ALSO THAT
CASTILLO ARMAS IS ONE [] FARM
LOCATED BOTH SIDES GUATEMALAN-SALVADORAN BORDER NEAR JUTIAPA.

2. PRESENT INDICATIONS GOVERNING TRIUMVIRATE WILL BE (1)
CASTILLO ARMAS (2) JUAN CORDOVA CERNA, SEE TGG 1359 (3) OSCAR
MENDOZA, GUATEMALAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN COSTA RICA, PRESENTLY IN
GUATEMALA FOR APPENDECTOMY, OR COLONEL ELFEGO MONZON, MINISTER WITH-
OUT PORTFOLIO, OR COLONEL MARCIANO CASADO WHO WAS FORCED LEAVE
COUNTRY 29 NOV 51 AT TAPACHULA MEXICO.

3. MAJOR CARLOS PAZ TEJADA, RECENTLY REMOVED AS MINISTER

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OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ASSIGNED ATLANTIC HIGHWAY WORKS, AND COLONEL CARLOS ENRIQUE DIAZ CONSIDERED BY STUDENTS AS PRO-GOVERNMENT. LATTER BUT NOT FORMER IS LIKED BY SOME ARMY OFFICERS WHO SUPPORT MOVEMENT.

4. COLONEL MONZON, ALTHOUGH POSSIBLE CHOICE FOR TRIMVIRATE MAY BE AWARE GENERALLY OF PLANNED REVOLT BUT NOT KNOWN TO BE TAKING PART. COLONEL FRANCISCO OLIVA, EX-CHIEF OF COBAN (ALSO RCV'D TOBAN) MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND EX-CHIEF OF STAFF FOR DECEASED COLONEL ARANA SUPPORTING MOVEMENT.

5. MILITARY AIR ATTACHE REPORT DATED 22 JAN 52 AND EVALUATED C 3 REPORTS CARLOS ENRIQUE DIAZ HAS CREATED JUNTA OF SELF, LT. COL. JOSE ANGEL SANCHEZ BARILLAS AND COL. CARLOS ALDANA SANDOVAL TO TAKE OVER GOVERNMENT IF PRESIDENT BECOMES TOO ILL, OR FOR OTHER REASON, TO PREVENT OCCUPATION PRESIDENTS OFFICE BY ALVARADO FUENTES. COMMENT: THIS APPEARS LOGICAL MOVE OF PRO-GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND COULD BE USED TO DISSIPATE SUPPORT TO CASTILLO ARMAS IF HIS REVOLT SHOWS INDICATION OF SUCCESS. SOURCE: SAME AS SOURCE 1 OF REF CABLE. DISTR: CHARGE D^o AFFAIRES ONLY.

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